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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] SUPPLEMENT TO JULY 5 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT:US  
EMBASSY SOURCE SPEAKS ON UNITED STATES CONCERN OVER  
REFUGEE PROBLEM"

1. [REDACTED] THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD FRONT-PAGED IN ITS JULY 4  
EDITION A STORY CITING "UNITED STATES SOURCES" HAVING  
EXPRESSED CONCERN  
ABOUT THE ARGENTCE GOVERNMENT'S DELAY  
IN ACTING ON ITS PROMISE TO ALLOW PEOPLE HELD WITHOUT  
CHARGES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY UNDER THE US REFUGEE PAROLE  
PROGRAM.

2. [REDACTED] THE HERALD STORY EXPLAINED THAT THE EMBASSY  
CONCERN WAS FOCUSED ON A REMARK BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR  
[REDACTED]  
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HARGUINDEGUY IN WHICH THE MINISTER APPEARED TO LAY THE  
BLAME FOR THE SLOW PROGRESS ON US AUTHORITIES. (THE

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MINISTER'S CHARGE WAS VERIFIED FROM A TAPE RECORDING OF HIS JUNE 29 PRESS CONFERENCE MADE BY A JOURNALIST WHO ATTENDED.) THE "EMBASSY SOURCE" COMPLAINED THAT ONLY SIX PEOPLE HAD LEFT THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN ISSUED 124 CERTIFICATES FOR PRISONERS SEEKING RIGHT OF OPTION. (SOME OF THE 124, THE STORY ADDED, HAD BEEN GIVEN THEIR FREEDOM AND HAD DECIDED TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA.) THE STORY CITED EMBASSY COMPLAINTS REGARDING INITIAL REFUSAL OF THE GOA TO PERMIT PRISON INTERVIEWS, EXPLAINING THAT ONLY IN NOVEMBER HAD VISITS BEEN AUTHORIZED. "YET 29 OF THE 95 ACCEPTED BY THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. ONLY 13 HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND 54 AWAIT A DECISION OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT," THE STORY CONTINUED.

3. [REDACTED] "ON MAY 16 THE US SENT A LIST OF 88 PEOPLE WHO COULD BE GRANTED RESIDENCE IN THE US IF ALLOWED TO LEAVE PRISON TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN ANSWER. ANOTHER LIST OF 76 IS IN THE PIPELINE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PRISONERS TO GO TO THE US AFTER BEING GRANTED THE RIGHT OF OPTION, OR AFTER COMPLETING SENTENCES, ARE BEING RECEIVED DAILY. ONLY FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE US, WHICH WILL NOT ACCEPT PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TERRORISM OR CONVICTED OF DRUG RUNNING," THE HERALD WROTE.

4. [REDACTED] THE HERALD INTERVIEW WAS BASED UPON A PRESS "BACKGROUND" THE AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN THE DAY BEFORE FOR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS OF US PUBLICATIONS, JULY 3. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE REPORTERS ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED ON-THE-RECORD INFORMATION ON THE PAROLE PROGRAM. PROVIDING IT WAS INTENDED BOTH AS A DEFENSE OF US ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AGAINST HARGUINDEGUY'S CHARGES, AND AS A GOAD TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER ACTION IN THIS FIELD.

5. [REDACTED] THE STORY EVOKE PROMPT CRITICISM FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHOSE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DIRECTOR ARLIA CHARGED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THE STORY SHOULD HAVE BEEN "TRIED" WITH HIS OFFICE BEFORE RETEASE, AND THAT

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OTHER PRISONERS WERE "IN THE PIPELINE" FOR RELEASE.  
(NOTE: THESE ARE THE "13 APPROVED" IN FACT ACCURATELY  
CITED IN THE HERALD STORY.)

6. [REDACTED] AT 1320 TODAY (JULY 5) A "RADIO RIVADAVIA" NEWS  
REPORTER SAID THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA WAS MEETING AT THAT  
TIME WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE RODRIGUEZ VARELA, AND THAT  
OFFICIAL SOURCES HAD SAID THAT ONE THEME BEING DISCUSSED  
WAS US EMBASSY CONCERN OVER DELAYS IN ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S  
RIGHT OF OPTION AUTHORIZATIONS.  
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